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A guide to preparing the documents



Preparing a Transfer of Land document following separation and/or divorce

This step-by-step guide is designed to show you how to prepare and lodge a **simple transfer** of land document following a separation and/or divorce.

If you are completing the forms yourself, we advise you to exercise great care as the documents involved are legally binding. A competent professional, such as a solicitor or settlement agent, should always be considered when preparing any land transfer document.

It is important to read through the whole of this information guide. Being familiar with the information provided in the guide will assist if you need to contact Landgate to clarify any part of the process. Useful contact details are listed on the back page.

What you should know about a Certificate of Title

Certificates of Title are created by Landgate, usually as a result of registration or approval of a subdivisional plan. Original titles are always kept at Landgate.

Some limitations or encumbrances may prevent the registration of a transfer of other interests on a Certificate of Title. For this reason, it is recommended that a copy of the original Certificate of Title be obtained from Landgate, to assist in completing the Transfer of Land form. We commonly refer to this as a 'title search'. A title search will show the spelling of the names of the registered proprietors/owners.

For a fee, you can conduct a title search and obtain a copy of the Certificate of Title.

What do I need for my land transfer?

- Verification of Identity (VOI) the identity of the person(s) signing as transferors and transferees must be verified
- Title Search (recommended) used to complete the transfer of land form
- Forms Transfer of Land (T1 or T2)
- 'Certificate of Duty' or document stamped Obtained from Revenue WA (OSR) for the assessment of (stamp) duty
- Mortgagee consent (if there is a registered mortgage)
- Registration Fees payable to Landgate

Verification of Identity (VOI) – Identifying the transferors and transferees

Both the transferors and transferees are required to have their identity verified by an independent party in line with <u>Landgate's VOI practice</u>.

When opting for professional representation they will complete the Verification of Identity on your behalf and will lodge the land transaction/s. If the land transactions are returned to you to self-lodge, you will be considered as self-represented and will not be able to use the VOI Statement provided by the industry profession. Lodgement may also be refused.

If opting for self-representation, you are required to download the Verification of Identity Form – Self-Represented Party (Western Australia) from policy and procedure guide VOI-02 Western Australian Registrar and Commissioner of Titles Joint Practice: Verification of Identity and Authority. Paper Based Transactions – How to Complete a Verification of Identity. The form is not available at Australia Post outlets. Once you have attended a participating outlet and you have your receipt, you can complete the VOI Statutory declaration that will accompany the Transfer of Land.

• Persons residing overseas cannot be self-represented party and must seek professional representation.

Title Search – A copy of the current Certificate of Title

A title search is optional, however highly recommended, as the search provides you with a complete up to date copy of the title at the date and time the title search is conducted.

For a fee, you can conduct a title search online using an address an <u>obtain a copy of a</u> Certificate of Title.

A Transfer of Land Form – (T1 or T2)

A <u>Form T1</u> is a one-page form used when there are no more than two transferors and/or two transferees named in the document.

A <u>Form T2</u> is a two-page form that has larger information panels and can be used when there are more than two transferors and two transferees, or if more information is required in any panel on the transfer document.

Freehold land registration forms are available from a Landgate office or online from the Landgate website.

Please note that only original signed forms can be lodged for registration and all forms must be printed on white A4 size paper in duplex style, so both sides of the paper are printed upon.

Revenue WA (OSR) – For the assessment of (stamp) duty

When the transfer form has been completed and signed, the original signed transfer form must be presented to State Revenue at the Department of Finance for (stamp) duty assessment.

NOTE: All transfers must be presented to Revenue WA for duty notation before the transfer can be lodged with Landgate. The transfer form will be either 'Stamped' or a 'Certificate of Duty' will be issued.

Contact details for Revenue WA are listed on the back page.

Registration Fees

View the current <u>Registration and Search Fees</u> that can be paid by cash, credit card, EFTPOS, or by cheque/money order made payable to Landgate. Fees must be paid when lodging the document in person or included if posting the documents to Landgate.

Further Reading

For further information on this transaction type and further document requirements, please see the following links:

- Land Titles Registration Policy and Procedure Guides
- A Guide to basic requirements for the preparation of paper documents "<u>Getting it</u> <u>Right -</u> Reference Guide"
- Land Transaction Toolkit

Steps to lodging a transfer

- 1. Complete the transfer form by using the title search. Type or print legibly in dark ink (preferably black) to complete the panels in the transfer form, using examples in this guide to assist you.
- 2. Ensure the transfer has been assessed for duty by Revenue WA and a duty certificate is provided, or duty is noted on the original transfer form.
- 3. If the property is subject to a mortgage, ensure you have obtained a signed letter of consent from the financier.
- 4. Ensure there are original verification of identity receipts issued by Australia Post provided for each of the natural persons signing the transfer document.
- 5. Registration fees will need to be paid when the document is presented for lodgement, documents cannot be accepted without fee payment. Payments over the counter are available by cheque/money order, credit card or cash. If posting document/s to Landgate it is important to include any registration fee payable. Please feel free to use our <u>Postal Lodgement Coversheet</u> which enables you to review and select one of the payment options available.
- Lodge the original signed transfer form (together with any other evidence that may be required) with Landgate, ensuring the registration fee payment is enclosed if lodging by post.
 - a. In person at one of Landgate's lodgement offices. NOTE: Any person can lodge the transfer document with Landgate; the lodging party does not need to be one of the persons named in the transfer document.
 - b. By post to: Landgate Document Lodgement Section PO Box 2222 MIDLAND WA 6936

NOTE: Original evidence being returned by post will be posted in the normal mail. If you wish to have the original evidence returned by registered post, you will need to provide a self-addressed, pre-paid registered post envelope to Landgate with the transfer document.

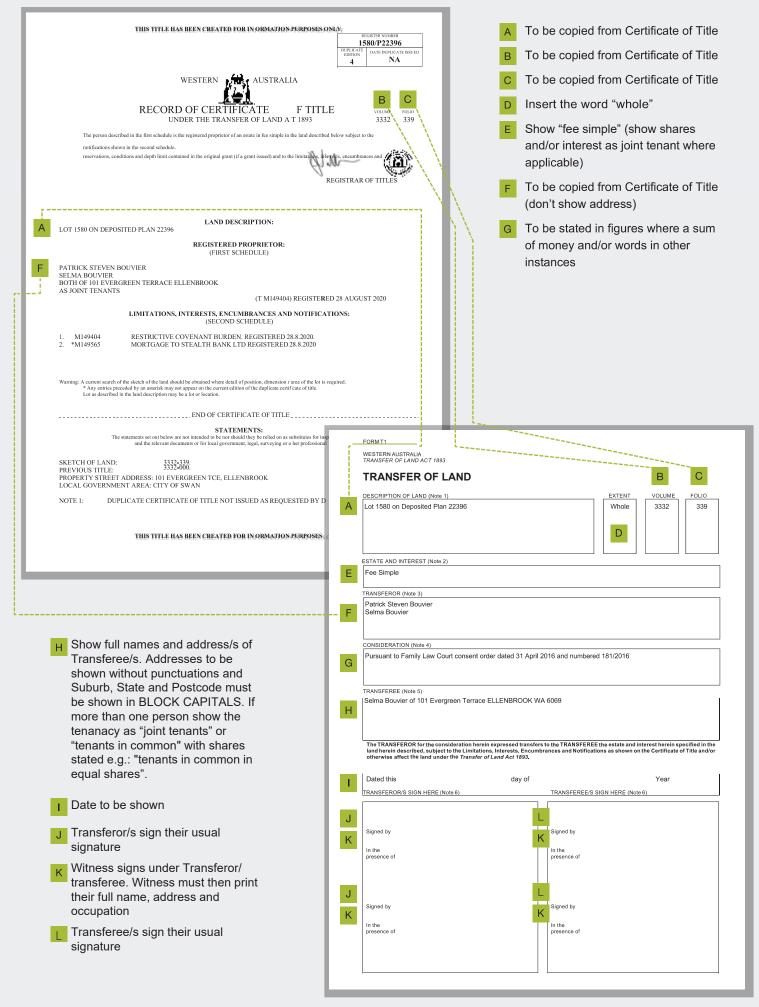
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Contact List

Landgate Contacts

Landgate Office Hours 8.30am to 4.30pm (Lodgement Hours 8.30am to 4.30pm

Landgate – Midland Head Office 1 Midland Square MIDLAND WA 6056

TEL +61 (0)8 9273 7373

Email: customerservice@landgate.wa.gov.au

Website: www.landgate.wa.gov.au

Postal Address: PO box 2222, MIDLAND WA 6936

Document Lodgement Sites

Document lodgement hours strictly 8.30am to 4.30pm

Landgate – Midland Head Office 1 Midland Square MIDLAND WA 6056

Landgate – Perth Business Office 200 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000

Other Useful Contacts

Department of Finance Revenue WA

3rd Floor, 200 St George Terrace PERTH WA 6000 Tel: +61 (0)8 9262 1100 Website: www.wa.gov.au

Department of Planning

140 William Street PERTH WA 6000 Tel: +61 (0)8 6551 9000 Website: www.planning.wa.gov.au

Family Court 150 Terrace Road

PERTH WA 6000 Tel: +61 (0)8 9224 8222 Website: www.familycourt.wa.gov.au

Probate Office 11th Floor, 28 Barrack Street PERTH WA 6000 Tel: +61 (0)8 9421 5152 Website: www.supremecourt.wa.gov.au

Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

141 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000 Tel: +61 1300 305 021 Website: www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au

State Administrative Tribunal 6th Floor 565 Hay Street PERTH WA 6000 Tel: +61(0)8 9219 3111 Website: www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au

